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Ripe, firm leaf structure, heavy, lean in oil. Injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

M5F—Low Quality Mixed Groups

Ripe, firm leaf structure, heavy, lean in oil. Injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

M4KR—Fair Quality Variegated Red or Scorched Mixed Groups

Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil. Injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

M4KM—Fair Quality Variegated Mixed Groups

Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy. Injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

M5KM—Low Quality Variegated Mixed Groups

Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy. Injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

M4GK—Fair Quality Green Variegated Mixed Groups

Immature, close leaf structure, heavy. Injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

M5GK—Low Quality Green Variegated Mixed Groups

Immature, tight leaf structure, heavy. Injury tolerance, 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

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## § 29.1168 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group except Scrap.

*Grades, Grade Names, Minimum Specifications, and Tolerances*

N1L—

Best Nondescript from the P Group

Tolerance: 50 percent waste.

N1XL—

Best Nondescript from the X Group

Tolerance: 50 percent waste.

N1K—

Best Nondescript from the B or H Groups

Tolerance: 50 percent injury or waste.

N1R—

Best, Heavy, Dark-colored Nondescript from the B Group

Tolerance: 50 percent injury or waste.

N1KV—

Best, Variegated, Medium-bodied Greenish Nondescript from the B Group

Tolerance: 50 percent waste.

N1GL—

Best, Thin, Crude Green Nondescript from the P or X Groups

Tolerance: 50 percent crude or waste.

N1GF—

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Best, Fleshy, Medium-colored, Crude Green Nondescript from the B Group

Tolerance: 50 percent crude, injury or waste.

N1GR—

Best, Heavy, Dark-colored, Crude Green Nondescript from the B Group

Tolerance: 50 percent crude, injury or waste.

N1GG—

Best, Crude, Gray Green Nondescript from the B Group

Tolerance: 50 percent crude, injury or waste.

N1PO—

Oxidized Tobacco from the P Group

Tolerance: 50 percent waste.

N1XO—

Oxidized Tobacco from the X or C Groups

Tolerance: 50 percent waste.

N1BO—

Oxidized Tobacco from the B or H Groups

Tolerance: 50 percent injury or waste.

N2—

Poorest Nondescript of any Group or Color  
Tolerance: Over 50 percent crude, injury or waste.

Pursuant to Rule 25, this grade also includes crude or green tobacco containing 10 percent or less of oxidized.

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## § 29.1169 Scrap (S Group).

A byproduct of stemmed and unstemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

*Grade, Grade Name and Specifications*

S—Scrap. Loose, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves; or the web portion of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

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## SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES

## § 29.1181 Summary of standard grades.

### 23 GRADES OF LEAF

B1L	B1F	B1FR		
B2L	B2F	B2FR		
B3L	B3F	B3FR		B3K
B4L	B4F	B4FR		B4K
B5L	B5F	B5FR	B5R	B5K
B6L	B6F	B6FR		B6K

### 10 GRADES OF SMOKING LEAF

	H3F		
	H4F	H4FR	H4K
	H5F	H5FR	H5K
	H6F	H6FR	H6K

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10 GRADES OF CUTTERS				8 GRADES OF PRIMINGS			
C1L		C1F		P2L		P2F	
C2L		C2F		P3L		P3F	
C3L		C3F		P4L		P4F	
C4L		C4F		P5L		P5F	
C5L		C5F					
10 GRADES OF LUGS				6 GRADES OF GREENISH			
X1L		X1F		B3V		X3V	
X2L		X2F		B4V	C4V	X4V	
X3L		X3F		B5V			
X4L		X4F					
X5L		X5F					
20 GRADES OF VARIEGATED							
B3KL	B3KF	B3KD					
B4KL	B4KF	B4KD	B4KV	C4KL	C4KF	X4KL	X4KF
B5KL	B5KF	B5KD	B5KV				X4KV
B6KL	B6KF	B6KD	B6KV				
7 MIXED GRADES				7 MIXED GRADES—Continued			
M4F	M4KR	M4KM	M4GK	M5F	M5KM	M5GK	
15 GRADES OF GREEN							
B4G		B4GK		C4G	C4GK	X4G	X4GK
B5G	B5GR	B5GK	B5GG			X5G	
B6G		B6GK					P4G
							P5G
7 GRADES OF VARIEGATED MIXED				2 GRADES OF CUTTERS (PRIMINGS SIDE)			
B3KM			X3KM	C5LP		C5FP	
B4KM		C4KM	X4KM				
B5KM							
B6KM							
6 GRADES OF VARIEGATED RED OR SCORCHED				13 GRADES OF NONDESCRIPT			
B3KR			X3KR	N1L	N1KV	N1GG	
B4KR		C4KR	X4KR	N1XL	N1GL	N1PO	
B5KR				N1K	N1GF	N1XO	
				N1R	N1GR	N1BO	
						N2	
5 GRADES OF EXCESSIVELY SCORCHED				1 GRADE OF SCRAP			
		B3KK		S			
		B4KK					
		B5KK					
		B6KK					
		C4KK					
6 GRADES OF SLICK				<p>Special factors “U” (unsound), “W” (doubtful-keeping order), “S” (strip), and “M” (mixed) may be applied to all grades. The special factors “dirt” or “sand” may be applied to any grade in the Primings group, including first quality Nondescript from the Primings group. Tobacco not covered by the standard grades is designated “No-G,” “No-G-F,” or “No-G-Nested.”</p> <p>[48 FR 29671, June 28, 1983, as amended at 49 FR 16756, Apr. 20, 1984; 51 FR 25028, July 10, 1986; 52 FR 28534, July 31, 1987; 60 FR 36028, July 13, 1995]</p>			
B3S			X3S				
B4S		C4S	X4S				
B5S							
4 GRADES OF WHITISH-LEMON							
X3LL		C4LL					
X4LL		C5LL					

## § 29.1225

### KEY TO STANDARD GRADEMARKS

#### § 29.1225 Key to standard grademarks.

##### *Groups*

B—Leaf. H—Smoking Leaf. C—Cutters. X—Lugs. P—Primings. M—Mixed Group. N—Nondescript. S—Scrap.

##### *Qualities*

1—Choice. 2—Fine. 3—Good. 4—Fair. 5—Low. 6—Poor.

##### *Color Symbols*

L—Lemon. LL—Whitish-lemon. F—Orange. FR—Orange red. R—Red. K—Variegated. KR—Variegated red or scorched. G—Green. V—Greenish. GR—Green red. GK—Green variegated. GG—Gray green. KL—Variegated lemon. KF—Variegated orange. KV—Variegated greenish. KM—Variegated mixed. KD—Variegated dark red. LL—Whitish-lemon.

##### *Combination Symbols*

XL—Lug side. PO—Oxidized primings. XO—Oxidized lugs or cutters. BO—Oxidized leaf or smoking leaf. GL—Thin-bodied nondescript. GF—Medium-bodied nondescript. LP—Lemon (primings side). FP—Orange (primings side). KK—Excessively scorched.

##### *Special Symbol*

S—Slick.

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#### OFFICIAL STANDARD GRADES FOR VIRGINIA FIRE-CURED TOBACCO (U.S. TYPE 21)

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### DEFINITIONS

#### § 29.2251 Definitions.

As used in these standards, the words and phrases hereinafter defined shall have the indicated meanings so assigned.

#### § 29.2252 Air-dried.

The condition of unfermented tobacco as customarily prepared for storage under natural atmospheric conditions.

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#### § 29.2253 Body.

The thickness and density of a leaf or the weight per unit of surface. (See chart, § 29.2351.)

#### § 29.2254 Brown colors.

A group of colors ranging from a reddish brown to yellowish brown. These colors vary from low to medium saturation and from very low to medium brilliance. As used in these standards, the range is expressed as light brown (L), medium brown (F), and dark brown (D).

#### § 29.2255 Class.

A major division of tobacco based on method of cure or principal usage.

#### § 29.2256 Clean.

Tobacco is described as clean when it contains only a normal amount of sand or soil particles. Leaves grown on the lower portion of the stalk normally contain more dirt or sand than those from higher stalk positions. (See Rule 4, § 29.2395.)

#### § 29.2257 Color.

The third factor of a grade based on the relative hues, saturation or chroma, and color values common to the type.

#### § 29.2258 Color intensity.

The varying degree of saturation or chroma. Color intensity as applied to tobacco describes the strength or weakness of a specific color or hue. It is applicable to brown colors. (See chart, § 29.2351.)

#### § 29.2259 Color symbols.

As applied to this type, color symbols are: L—light brown, F—medium brown, D—dark brown, M—mixed or variegated, G—green, GL—light green, and GD—dark green.

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#### § 29.2260 Condition.

The state of tobacco which results from the method of preparation or from the degree of fermentation. Words used to describe the condition of tobacco are undried, air-dried, steam-dried, sweating, sweated, and aged.